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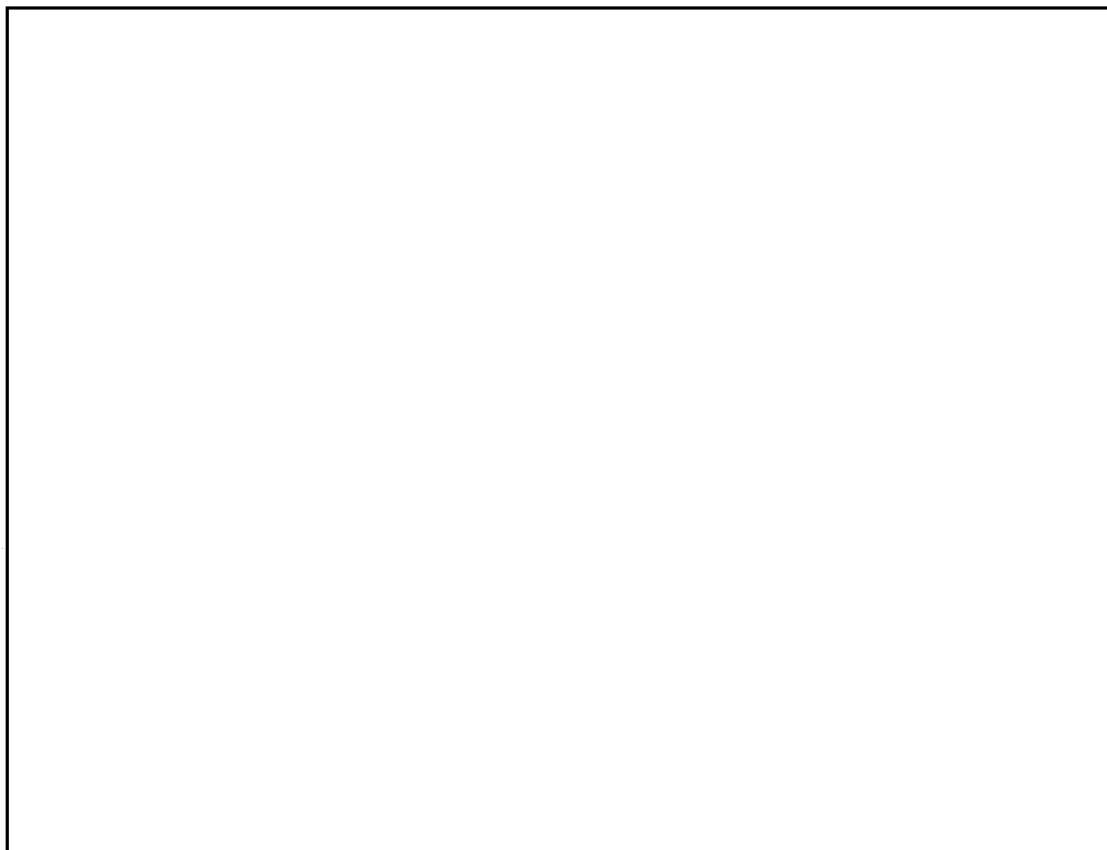
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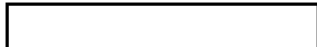
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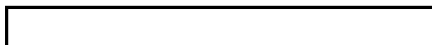


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1. PARIS MAY BE PREPARING FOR WEST
GERMAN POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR ARMS

Comment on:

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The French public is apparently being prepared for possible West German production or possession of nuclear weapons.

The most pointed statement has come from French air force General Chassin, air defense coordinator for SHAPE's Allied Air Force Central Europe. The French press on 20 September quoted an article he had written for a semiofficial German military monthly stating that West Germany should take up atomic arms production in order to strengthen its military defense and achieve full equality with its allies. The French

Press Agency on 26 September quoted Raymond Aron, special writer for the influential conservative Paris daily Figaro, as having told the Canadian Institute of Public Affairs that both France and Germany should possess nuclear arms.

On 27 September, the rightist Paris daily Aurore published an exclusive interview with West German Chancellor Adenauer in which the chancellor warned that if a disarmament accord could not be reached, the West German army would have to be equipped with atomic arms. French Marshal Juin on 26 September in Duesseldorf publicly called for supplies of atomic weapons for "European nations."

There are no known previous instances of public statements to this effect by prominent French figures.

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[REDACTED] During the recent disarmament negotiations in London, French delegate Moch repeatedly warned that France would begin manufacture of nuclear weapons unless a disarmament agreement was soon reached. [REDACTED]

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